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Excise Officers Arrest, Cite 43 at Vans Warped Tour Concert

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. (July 3) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested or cited 43 people on 46 charges during the Vans Warped Tour concert at Klipsch Music Center, 12880 E. 146th Street, today.

Officers arrested 10 people – including four less than 18 years of age – for possession of marijuana.

Thirty-one juveniles – as young as 14 years old – were cited for possession of tobacco and three adults were charged with furnishing tobacco to a juvenile. One person was also arrested for false informing.

Kurt R. Moore, 23, of Lawrenceville, Ill., was jailed on preliminary charges of possession of a controlled substance, a felony, and possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor.

One juvenile was taken to the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center for possession of marijuana after officers were unable to get a parent to pick him up from the concert.

In concerts earlier this season, excise officers arrested 24 people at Rascal Flatts, 68 at Kenny Chesney, 30 people at Zac Brown Band, 54 at Brad Paisley, 64 at May Day and 52 at Tim McGraw.

The vast majority of arrests this concert season have been made in the parking lots outside the concert venue. Only a few occur inside the Music Center itself.

"The Indiana State Excise Police will be a presence at Klipsch Music Center throughout its scheduled events," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "Working in cooperation with the management and employees of Klipsch Music Center, we will continue to promote a safe environment for those attending the music venue through the enforcement of Indiana laws."

All of those charged with misdemeanors today will appear in Hamilton County Superior Court on August 14.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.